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Mr. King,  
From my perspective, there are two problems with the M6 propellant being shipped from Minden.  
Propellant  
stability and packaging configuration.

The first, propellant stability, needs to be checked for each container (?? or via a statistical sampling plan for each packaging configuration) of M6 prior to shipment of the M6 from Minden. With mixed lots and loss of lot identify, lot integrity is basically lost. The propellant sampling plan recently sent to Minden could be used as the starting point for material being shipped out of Minden.

The second, packaging configuration, will have to be addressed since there are approximately 6 packaging configurations of M6 at Minden. Those include: 100 lb. barrels, 120 lb. barrels, 121 lb. barrels, 140 lb. barrels, 60 lb. boxes, and 880 lb. bulk boxes. In order to ship these items, each will need a separate DOT reference number letter (Competent Authority Authorization) requested by the State of Louisiana and/or their contractor for transportation purposes. DOT has authorized DOD to issue Interim Hazardous Classifications (IHCs) for shipment of DOD explosive assets. For an IHC to be issued from DOD to the State of Louisiana or their commercial contractor, someone within DOD would need to authorize issue of such IHC by the DOD community.

As always, we at DAC/USATCES stand ready to provide technical support as requested.

My thoughts for what they are worth. Thanks.

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EPA asked me "Also, there are some potential options for sale of the M6 and other explosives in discussion right now. Could I get an opinion on the risk for handling/transport of the materials at Camp Minden? Also, should stability testing be performed prior to transport of the materials can be sold?"

I told EPA I would get back to it. I advise that from my perspective, the ability to provide explosives safety oversight of whatever is to be done is a concern and that NGB or Army may assist, if requested.

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